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Clinton voices her support for unity, Obama

Surplus reaches $8.5B

Carbon capture, transit and infrastructure to eat up bulk of funds

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

The Alberta government is seeing a record-tying surplus according to its first quarter fiscal report released yesterday, up $7 billion from initial Budget 2008 predictions.

However, thanks to falling energy prices, the $8.5-billion surplus fell short of the lofty $12-billion estimates by CIBC in June.

"I think it's clear that Alberta is still leading the nation," said Alberta Finance Minister Iris Evans despite indications that both Saskatchewan and Manitoba have slightly faster growing economies.

Already $4 billion of the surplus has been allocated to what Evans said is a response to public demands for attention to the environment.

"If you set your expectations low it's very easy to exceed them."
Liberal Harry Chase

A $2-billion fund will be put in place to advance carbon capture, and transit will see $2 billion.

Another $1 billion is going towards infrastructure, but the government is scratching their heads over an unallocated $2.5-billion and is for the moment putting it into savings.

But Alberta Liberal member Harry Chase reprimanded the government for depending so heavily on non-renewable resources.

"If you set your expectations low it's very easy to exceed them," he said of the jump in surplus. Chase also expressed concern over cuts in health care when the southeast hospital is not yet finished.

He recommended investing more in people and education and wants to see alternative energy options examined.

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2 deaths linked to bad meat probed

PROVINCE Alberta health officials continue to investigate two deaths linked to the listeria bacterium while authorities in other provinces probe 29 cases.

"It is important to note that Listeria monocytogenes is commonly found, and is not really a concern for most people," said Dr. Gerry Predy, acting Alberta chief medical officer of health.

"However, it can lead to serious complications in the elderly, newborns, pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems ... Anyone in those groups who develops symptoms such as fever, headache or stiff neck and may have eaten any of the recalled products should contact their physician."

Maple Leaf Meats has recalled all products from its Toronto plant and dozens of companies that use the products have followed suit.

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Pam's still got a home at Hef's

New Flames **All fired up**

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Yesterday, the Calgary Flames unveiled five offseason acquisitions who will don the flaming "C" this season: from left to right, Todd Bertuzzi, Rene Bourque, Mike Cammalleri, Curtis Glencross and Andre Roy. Story, page 15.

Calgarian to ride away with Millar

CONTEST A 26-year-old Calgary woman will learn the finer points of riding and show jumping from Olympic silver-medalist Ian Millar after winning a BMO Financial Group contest.

Jennifer Dawn Marschner had already booked time off work to go to the Spruce Meadows equestrian tournament from Sept. 3 to 7 at Spruce Meadows when she found out she won.

"This is such an amazing opportunity to meet and learn from Ian Millar and to congratulate him in person on his remarkable Olympic win," Marschner said.

Marschner's entry was selected from 3,102 entries, and with the riding lessons, she will get two seats in the BMO skybox to watch an event.

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Man caught on Canada-wide warrant

The man sought on a Canada-wide warrant for an alleged murder near Hobbema was busted in north Edmonton Monday, Alberta RCMP said. A community tip led to the arrest Darrel Ernest Baptiste, 19, who has been charged with second-degree murder. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Local

Sustainable city

From increased path systems to flourishing environmental surrounds, Calgarians have a chance to toss in their two cents on the long-term development of the city tonight as Sustainable Calgary hosts an open forum at 6 p.m. at 223-12 Ave. SW.
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Mayor expects windfall to help cities

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

ECONOMY Thanks to living in such a prosperous province, the mayor is looking forward to some cash being directed our way.

Mayor Dave Broconnier said he was happy with the way the budget was laid out.

"I think as a province they're in very good shape," he said.

He was particularly pleased with the $2-billion allocated to transit funds, calling the issue "near and dear to his heart," but said that he views it as seed capital for a longer program and that it's a good start.

His main focus is on infrastructure and public safety, the latter of which is due to a "particularly shocking" summer of increased violence.

He said he would be discussing the potential of petitioning the government for more money thanks to that unallocated $2.5-billion, but didn't say what he might want those dollars for.

Rugby **Law school tourney**

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

Mike Gilcheist, 26, practises with the U of C Law School Rugby team at Riley Park yesterday afternoon, as they get ready for the U of C Western Canadian Law School Rugby Tournament Sept. 27.

Cop in hospital after off-duty assault

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A Calgary cop is recovering in hospital after being beaten by an allegedly drug-fuelled assailant just after he finished a shift.

While the officer underwent surgery yesterday and didn't suffer any broken bones, Superintendent Trevor Daroux wouldn't elaborate on the extent of the injuries incurred in the assault, which happened Sunday around 9:35 p.m. on 6 Ave SE near 2 St.

"He was just happy it was him and not a member of the general public," Daroux said, adding the off-duty officer informed the random attacker he was a member of the Calgary Police Service prior to the fight, which ended after he was thrown into oncoming traffic, barely missed getting hit and called an on-duty cop he had worked with earlier in the day from his cellphone.

Kenneth Harvey White, 26, has been charged with assault, uttering threats, mischief causing danger to life, causing a disturbance, damaging property and being intoxicated in a public place.

Cirque du Soleil smashes records

ATTENDANCE Cirque du Soleil has broken a Calgary attendance record with its currently running show, Corteo.

The highly acclaimed show under the blue-and-yellow big top in Currie Barracks has drawn 100,000 people, smashing the previous record set by the show, Alegria, in 2003.

The show, which boasts 52 performances during the Calgary run, will close Sept. 7 — travelling to Ottawa to begin its run in the nation's capital.

Tickets are still available at www.cirquedusoleil.com and 1-800-678-5440.

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What's online today.

Watch police explain the hazards of using handheld gadgets while driving, local merchants and consumers react to the listeria outbreak and the Calgary Flames introduce their newest players to the media. Also, a report on disgruntled Hillary Clinton supporters hoping to spoil Obama's party at the DNC convention
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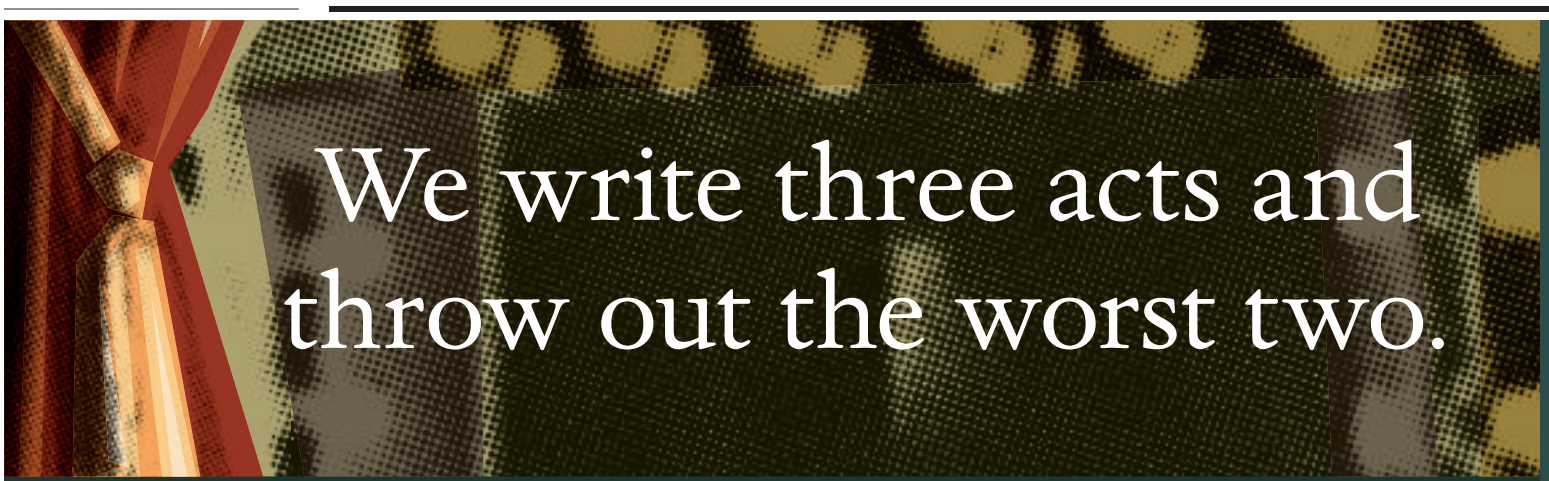

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Mayhem in NW, three in custody

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CRIME Three men are in custody and a man and a woman are on the lam after a bizarre series of events in Calgary's northwest yesterday morning.

Calgary police arrived on the 2300 block of Banff Trail NW around 2:30 a.m. after reports of a public disturbance.

Once on the scene, police discovered an individual trying to break into a car. The owner and two other males intervened, and tried to take the offender into custody.

They also found a 27-year-old man who had been knocked unconscious and transported to hospital by EMS and arrested three people.

"They did try to protect their property," said District 3 Acting Staff Sgt. Doug Crippen.

"Unfortunately they were taken into custody, they are being interviewed and it's anticipated that they will be charged with aggravated assault."

While cops were still on the scene, another car abruptly stopped, a man and a woman piled out running, and another beaten man approached officers, telling them his car had been stolen and he had been assaulted.

Upon further investigation, Crippen said the man, who also went to hospital, claimed to have been held captive in his car by the man and woman, who were both personal acquaintances of his, for a few hours.

ROBIN KUNISKI/FOR METRO CALGARY

U of C criminologist Cathy Prowse says public settings and large crowds aren't going to deter gang members from violent acts that have plagued the city this summer. She adds that Calgarians should brace themselves for more nefarious activity.

Gangs not afraid of daylight or public spaces says prof

Seeking safety, anonimity on bustling streets

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Calgarians should brace themselves for more blatant broad daylight public shootings as gang members seek safety among the masses, according to one University of Calgary criminologist.

While 201 new cops on Calgary streets will allow police to shift resources at a moment's notice and create opportunities for increased investigations, professor Cathy Prowse said the days of gang violence on Calgary's side streets may be waning.

"When the stakes get high and tensions escalate like they have been, they'll take the shot wherever they can get it," said Prowse.

She noted gang members stalk rivals, know each other's patterns, and are undoubtedly looking over their shoulders after recent slayings in residential neighbourhoods.

"Increasingly, gang members will be travelling highly public venues because they gain a sense of safety, especially when they're alone. 'There's too many witnesses around', they think, and that's putting the general public at serious risk."

"When the stakes get high and tensions escalate like they have been, they'll take the shot wherever they can get it."
University of Calgary professor Cathy Prowse

Prowse said Calgary's strong economic position has made the city ripe for gang activity and turning up the heat, even for an extended period of time, will just shift the problem to another city until things cool down.

"It would be naive to think you're going to end gang violence," she said. "But you have to try."

Ald. Diane Colley-Urquhart said the city is doing just that, likening the alternative to taking your hands off the steering wheel in a car sliding across a sheet of ice.

"We're going to continue to make it very difficult for organized crime in this city to operate and make it abundantly clear that this behaviour will not be tolerated," she said.

Urban design affects health, study says

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Vancouver

FITNESS The convenience of driving to the store may not be the best for your health.

A new study by professors at the University of Calgary suggests that the way a community is built affects how willing people are to walk to amenities instead of drive.

"Urban forms should be able to support physical activity," said Bev Sandalack, professor and director of the urban design program at the university.

Early findings suggest neighbourhoods older than 20 years tend to have closer amenities, ample lighting and sidewalks on both sides.

"We think that all of those factors work together to (encourage walking)," she said.

For the last year of the three-year study funded by the Canadian Institutes of Health Research, health economics professor Alan Shiell will be evaluating whether putting in sidewalks would encourage people to be active enough to make it worth the cost.

Other research indicates that walking more often decreases the likelihood of diabetes, depression, and obesity.

News in brief

ROAD CLOSURE Beginning Sept. 2, Scenic Acres Link NW will be closed for construction of the northwest ring road. This road closure is expected to last until Oct. 28, weather permitting. The complete length of Scenic Acres Link from Scurfield Drive NW to Stoney Trail NW will be closed, including the pedestrian pathway.

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Less for gas bills in September
ATCO Gas yesterday announced a drop in energy costs for September, from $12.7 per GJ to just over $7 per GJ, making the average bill about $77. METRO CALGARY

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City bus companies are still looking for drivers to fill the ranks one week prior to the official start of the school year.

Wanted: Bus drivers

It's still a tough labour market in Alberta, and it's a perennial challenge to find school bus drivers to get kids safely to school.

Cardinal Coach Lines Ltd. in Calgary is still 50 drivers short with less than a week to go before school starts, according to Wayne Scaddan of Cardinal First Student Canada, and that could mean doubled up routes and late buses if they don't fill the ranks.

"We're not alone in Alberta," said Scaddan. "Everybody is searching for people to work"

"Everybody is searching for people to work."
Wayne Scaddan

Scaddan said driving school bus is ideal for single parents or the retired, as employees typically work only four hours a day and can earn nearly $90.

"It really is strange," said Scadden of the $22 per hour wage offered to drivers. "In this market it really is a tough sell."

Prospective drivers need only have a valid class 5 licence, preferably a couple of years driving experience in Calgary and a background check to qualify for training.

For more information, call 403-531-3920, or visit www.cardinal-cal.com.

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City sting nets millions in pot

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It might be a little harder to procure bong fodder as nearly $3 million in reefer destined for Calgary's streets has been confiscated.

In a follow-up investigation to a Jan. 31 grow-op bust, Southern Alberta's Marijuana Investigative Team (SAMIT) conducted three search warrants Aug. 13 in the city's north-end, netting more than $2,972,500 in dope and $50,000 in grow equipment.

Around 8 p.m., police entered a home in the 4600 block of Maryvale Rd. NE, hauling out 591 plants from a three-stage grow-op.

Nearly two hours later, they searched a home on the 100 block of Bermondsey Rd. NW, where they uncovered another three-stage operation with roughly 939 plants worth over $1 million.

Another two hours later, police conducted a search warrant on a home in the 7000 block of Temple Dr. NE, confiscating 1.5 pounds of pot and grow equipment.

Darren Bo Lin, 33, faces 11 charges from production to theft of electricity and water.

Peter Zhineng, 62, and Lisa Zhijian, 61, both are charged with trafficking.

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Investigation ordered into Saskatchewan prisoner escape

Saskatchewan's minister of public safety has ordered an investigation into why 15 hours passed before authorities alerted the public about a prison break by six inmates. One of the inmates, who are all considered armed and dangerous, has been caught, but the other five remain at large. SOURCE: CBC NEWS ONLINE

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Transit upgrade back on track?

Toronto's transit authority said yesterday it will recommend to its commissioners that it enter into a new bidding process with three major light rail manufacturers to replace the city's aging streetcar fleet after the initial process was scrapped last month. The Toronto Transit Commission said that it will propose starting discussions with Bombardier Inc, the Canadian arm of Siemens and Alstom for the $1.25 billion contract. REUTERS

Tories forcing fall election?

Prime Minister Stephen Harper is sending his clearest signal yet that Canadians will be heading to the polls this fall, saying that "fundamental differences" with the opposition parties make it impossible for his government to tackle looming economic woes.

"The country must have a government that can function during a time of economic uncertainty. If it's not this … Parliament, the public will have an opportunity to decide whom," Harper told a news conference yesterday.

A national campaign could kick off next week before three federal byelections Sept. 8, Harper suggested. In another signal that an election is approaching, Governor General Michaelle Jean yesterday cancelled a trip to China planned for Sept. 6. Officials suggested the call to election could come next week making the earliest date by law for an election called to be Oct. 14.

"The country must have a government that can function during a time of economic uncertainty."
Stephen Harper

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Taser **Report postponed**

CHRISTINNE MUSCHI/REUTERS

Brian Black of Taser International demonstrates its use at a trade show for the Association of Chiefs of Police in Montreal yesterday. The Canadian Police Research Centre announced at the show the release of a long-awaited report on the medical effects of stun gun use has been postponed until next year.

PM lays out Arctic plan

RESOURCES Canada plans to boost its spending on mapping Arctic energy and mineral resources, in order to encourage development and defend Canadian sovereignty in the far North.

The government will spend $100 million over five years, building on a plan earlier this year to spend $34 million over two years, Prime Minister Stephen Harper said yesterday.

"We know from a century of northern resource exploration that there is gas in the Beaufort (Sea), oil in the eastern Arctic and gold in the Yukon. There are diamonds in Nunavut and the Northwest Territories and countless other precious resources buried under the sea, ice and tundra," Harper said.

The mapping program will use aircraft with special sensors to create subterranean models, which could then trigger, by government estimates, $500 million in private sector resource exploration and development.

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Harper

Arctic policy

Ottawa says its Arctic policy is growing in importance in light of increased activity in the region by Russia and other countries.

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Maple Leaf hit with four lawsuits

LISTERIOSIS Four separate class-action lawsuits have been filed against the company that recalled ready-to-eat meats linked to the nationwide outbreak of a deadly bacterial infection.

The lawsuits, filed in Ontario, Saskatchewan, Quebec and British Columbia named Maple Leaf Foods, which was linked to the ongoing outbreak after some products at a Toronto plant tested positive for the listeria bacterium last week.

"Between the telephone calls to our various offices and the people who have contacted us by way of the Internet, we've already heard from about 500 people," said Evatt Merchant, a partner in the Calgary office of the Regina-based class-action specialty law firm that filed all four suits.

There are now six deaths in Ontario that are being blamed directly on the outbreak strain of Listeriosis monocytogenes while another six, including three in Toronto, are under investigation.

The death of a Victoria B.C. man is the only one outside Ontario linked to Listeriosis.

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shares drop

Maple Leaf, whose shares fell 81 cents to close at $7.99 on the Toronto Stock Exchange yesterday, did not comment on the lawsuits, and said it had no other updates related to the outbreak. Its shares are down 27 per cent since the outbreak was first reported Aug. 17.

News in brief

COLD CASE Almost 11 years after a 16-year-old girl was found strangled to death in a Windsor, Ont., apartment with her unharmed baby near her, police have charged Geoffrey Michael Campbell with first-degree murder.

MONTREAL An Air France aircraft skidded off the runway at Montreal's Trudeau airport yesterday, but there were no apparent injuries or serious damage.

The incident was said to be minor and there was no fire.

Canada's federal Transportation Safety Board will be asked to investigate the cause of the incident, airport officials said.

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Soldier training by Blackwater?

SECURITY Canadian soldiers could get training from a U.S. company closely linked to Blackwater USA, a private security firm implicated in the killings of hundreds of Iraqi civilians, if the Department of National Defence has its way.

The military gave notice this week of its intention to award an $850,000 contract for advanced counterinsurgency training to the Terrorism Research Center, a Virginia-based firm that specializes in terrorism training for military and law enforcement officials. The contract is for one year with the option for a two-year extension.

The counterinsurgency school, which boasts close links to the U.S. government, is listed as a branch of Total Intelligence Solutions, a company that is run by former director of CIA counterterrorism Cofer Black and Erik Prince, a former U.S. Navy Seal.

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The number in hundreds of thousands that the Canadian military intends to pay the Terrorism Research Center for its security training services.

Inventor sues Google, Verizon, others on voicemail
Emboldened by settlements with Apple Inc. and AT&T Inc., inventor Judah Klausner filed a voice mail patent lawsuit yesterday against Google Inc., Verizon Communications Inc. and others. REUTERS

World

Benign cancers a warning

People who have had a normally non-fatal form of skin cancer have double the risk of developing other types of cancers, U.S. researchers said yesterday. They said the increased risk is especially pronounced in younger people. REUTERS

Clinton takes spotlight

Hillary Clinton offered a rousing plea for Democratic Party unity yesterday, promising to work for Barack Obama and challenging her supporters to bury their grudges and rally behind his White House bid.

"The time is now to unite as a single party with a single purpose," Clinton told a roaring crowd, adding she could not sit on the sidelines and watch Republican presidential candidate John McCain "squander the promise of our country."

Clinton's enthusiastic call for party unity was designed to end a rift that has clouded the convention to nominate the first-term Illinois senator to face McCain in the Nov. 4 election.

MIKE SEGAR/REUTERS

Hillary Clinton addresses the 2008 Democratic National Convention in Denver, Colorado.

The second day of the convention focused on economic themes and began to lay out Obama's plans to aid lower- and middle-class voters suffering in a faltering U.S. economy, which polls show is the top issue in the final months of President George W. Bush's term.

Obama, 47, had tried to ease the lingering tension by giving Clinton and her husband, former president Bill Clinton, major roles at the convention. Bill Clinton will speak tonight.

The convention's first night focused on presenting a softer, more personal side of Obama. REUTERS

Plot to kill Obama?

- U.S. authorities yesterday were investigating whether three men arrested in Colorado with guns and drugs planned to kill Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama, but said they posed no real threat.

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Russia says U.S. giving arms to Georgia; White House denies

GEORGIA Russian President Dmitry Medvedev yesterday accused the United States of shipping arms to Georgia on U.S. naval vessels, but Washington denied the charge.

Medvedev made the charge in an interview on the BBC when he was asked if Russia was mounting a blockade of ships off Georgia's Black Sea port of Poti, where the American warship USS McFaul is due to deliver humanitarian aid.

White House spokesperson Tony Fratto, speaking in Texas, said the accusation was ridiculous.

President George W. Bush yesterday condemned Russia's decision to recognize as independent the two breakaway regions of Georgia, saying Moscow was ratcheting up tensions and complicating negotiations. REUTERS

News in brief

INDIA Rising rivers in eastern India that swamped more land and homes yesterday have affected more than 2 million people since June.

AFGHANISTAN President Nicolas Sarkozy repeated his pledge yesterday that French troops would remain in Afghanistan following the deaths of 10 soldiers in a Taliban ambush last week.

GERMANY A cat in Germany called Bonny has survived after being walled in beneath a bathtub since June. REUTERS

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Rebel group denies involvement in plane hijacking

The Abdel Wahed faction of the rebel Sudan Liberation Movement (SLM) denied the Darfur group had any role in hijacking a Sudanese passenger plane yesterday. "We condemn this hijacking with a strong voice," a spokesman said. REUTERS

Glitch grounds planes

Flights across U.S. held for nearly five hours

Major U.S. airports were operating normally Tuesday evening after a glitch in the computer system for filing flight plans delayed hundreds of flights, the Federal Aviation Administration said.

The Department of Homeland Security said there was no link to terrorism and the FAA said the computer glitch did not affect its ability to safely track planes in the air.

FAA spokeswoman Laura Brown said the problem was resolved around 6 p.m. EDT, about 4 1/2 hours after a communications link failed in the system that processes flight plans at a facility south of Atlanta.

The agency's best guess is that "hundreds" of flights across a wide swath of the United States from Dallas and Chicago to the East Coast had been delayed by the computer breakdown, Brown said, adding that the FAA would not have an exact count until today.

"There were some airports that were affected more than others," she said. Airports in Boston, Chicago, Baltimore and Atlanta experienced the most delays as a result of the problem, she said.

The cause of the failure was not known but it was not due to a computer hacking attack, said Hank Krakowski, chief operations officer for the FAA's air traffic division. "It appears to be an internal software processing problem. We're going to have to do some forensics on it," he told reporters .

"We've had some equipment failures but not like this."
Diane Spitalire

The other flight-plan facility in Salt Lake City had to handle the entire country when the other system failed but the backup system quickly overloaded, so all the flight information for the affected flights such as destinations and names of passengers had to be re-entered manually, Brown said.

FAA spokeswoman Diane Spitalire said the agency had never experienced a computer problem this severe.

"We've had some equipment failures but not like this," she said. REUTERS

Ghana **Farmers have elephant woes**

REUTERS/ALISTER DOYLE

Children dance in the village of Afiaso Saturday. Rising elephant numbers in a protected forest park in Ghana are angering the town's farmers, whose crops are being raided.

News in brief

WEAPONS The strained ties between Russia and the United States have not held them from trying to convince North Korea to give up its nuclear weapons program. "It is not in Russia's interest to have a nuclear armed nation on its border," White House spokesman Tony Fratto said. China, Russia, Japan, and South Korea are also in disarmament talks with Pyongyang.

CUBA A group of dissidents said Tuesday they filed a criminal complaint charging the government illegally broadcast their secretly taped conversations and movements, including one them accepting money from a U.S. diplomat.

HAITI Hurricane Gustav was downgraded to a tropical storm Tuesday, with maximum sustained winds below 74 miles per hour , as it lost strength after making landfall over flood-prone Haiti. REUTERS

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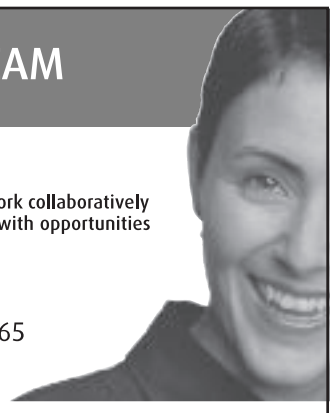

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Cott lowers 2008 outlook, shares tumble
Soft drinks maker Cott Corp. shares plunged more than 15 per cent to $2.17 a share, after it lowered its 2008 profit outlook yesterday to a range of between 28 per cent below and 5 per cent above last year's profit of $36.3 million US. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Russia **Market's ripe for car buys**

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A new Mazda Kazamai concept car is seen at the Moscow Auto Salon 2008 yesterday. Some of the world's biggest carmakers intend to boost sales in Russia this year, company officials said.

Scotia, BMO third-quarter profits shrink

TORONTO Bank of Nova Scotia and Bank of Montreal reported lower than expected profits yesterday.

Scotiabank posted a two per cent decline in net income but still managed to rack up more than $1 billion in earnings.

BMO's profit tumbled 21 per cent to $521 million as it cited weak U.S. real estate markets for sharply higher loan-loss provisions.

Scotiabank stock closed down 2.5 per cent at $46.45, while BMO fell 0.3 per cent to $43.94. REUTERS

Wireless outlook downgraded

Moody's has lowered its outlook for the cozy Canadian wireless sector, citing the threat of new rivals following Ottawa's recent wireless airwave auction.

The debt-rating agency lowered its rating to "stable" from "positive" yesterday as the Big Three wireless providers, Rogers Communications Inc., Bell Canada Inc. and Telus Corp., prepare to compete with national and regional challengers, in coming years.

Potential contenders include Globalive Communications Corp., Quebecor Inc., Data & Audio-Visual Enterprises Wireless Inc., MTS Communications Inc. and Shaw Communications Inc.

"(Rogers, Bell and Telus) pursue profit-oriented growth strategies in a protected market."
Moody's

While the incumbents have argued the Canadian wireless industry is competitive, Moody's said restrictions on foreign ownership of telecom companies has allowed the three "to pursue profit-oriented growth strategies in a protected market that is far less penetrated than the U.S."

Relaxed competition is evidenced by higher plan rates and a lower rate of penetration compared to the U.S. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Business in brief

BANK OF CANADA Deputy governor David Longworth said yesterday that Canada's economic growth will be weaker than expected in the second quarter, while inflationary pressures would fall with lower oil prices. He made no hints at interest rate changes.

BOLLYWOOD Indian media company Reliance ADA Group is expected to make a $500 million US deal with Hollywood studio Dreamworks to leave current parent company Paramount Pictures, a boon for Bollywood moviemakers eager to enter Western markets. REUTERS

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NFL
New York Giants defensive end Michael Strahan will reportedly remain retired, turning down an offer to come back and play for the Super Bowl champions. According to a report on FoxSports.com yesterday, Strahan did not want to put his body through the rigors of a 15th NFL season. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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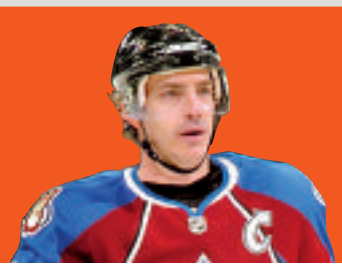

Sakic could reveal plans

Veteran centre Joe Sakic, left, might announce tomorrow whether or not he will be back on the ice for a 20th NHL season. According to the Denver Post, Sakic will speak at a news conference tomorrow before his charity golf tournament. However, the newspaper also claims that there is no guarantee that Sakic has come to a decision on his future. Metro News Services

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'A work in progress'

Stamps in decent position near mid-season, coach says

DAN TOTH
for Metro Calgary

First-year Calgary Stampeders head coach John Hufnagel, an old quarterback, enjoys throwing to a reliable target.

Pressed to evaluate his team's status not yet halfway through the season, Hufnagel refers to his Red and White troops as a "work in progress," a proven method to avoid being sacked for a loss or throwing an interception while under pressure.

Eight games into the Canadian Football League season it is safe to say the progress has been substantial for Hufnagel's club, which has earned a reputation as an underachiever the previous three seasons.

That said, a 5-3 record and a share of second place in the West Division hardly guarantees a Grey Cup appearance but recent events suggest the 2008 version of the Stampeders is the best team Calgary has seen for quite some time.

Hufnagel

Entering this season having won just two road games each of the last two years, the Stamps have already posted three road wins this campaign after dumping the B.C. Lions 36-29 last Friday in Vancouver. The win also ended a six-year slump at B.C. Place Stadium dating back to Wally Buono's days at the Stamps' helm.

The team's current two-game win streak started in Regina where they defeated the previously undefeated Cup champion Saskatchewan Roughriders.

The Stampeders defence is also starting to stand and deliver on its pre-season promise by collecting a pair of sacks and closing out the B.C. win with some stingy play in the final couple of minutes. It's a stark contrast after the same defence gave away a couple of early season games by coughing up points in the final minutes.

"No matter how we won the game it was very satisfying," Hufnagel told reporters after the B.C. win.

"The fact that our defence played exceptionally good football in the last four minutes of the game is very pleasing."

Discipline has also been an issue this year but the team was flagged just six times last outing.

Next up is the annual back-to-back series against the Edmonton Eskimos that kicks off with the Labour Day Classic Monday at McMahon Stadium (2 p.m.).

The Stamps are tied for second with Edmonton and the four-point week would put some distance between themselves and the Eskies while boosting their chances of catching the injury-plagued Roughies (6-2).

Hufnagel's "work in progress" can take a huge leap forward over the next two games although the results so far suggest that has already happened.

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Argos might axe coach: Source

CFL Rich Stubler could be fired if the Toronto Argonauts lose on Monday. Read more in the York Report at metronews.ca.

Ivanovic slips by, Federer cruises

TENNIS Ana Ivanovic narrowly avoided the humiliation of becoming the first top-seeded woman to lose in the opening round of the U.S. Open yesterday with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 win over Vera Dushevina.

On the men's side, four-time defending champ Roger Federer showed he was still the man to beat after handing Argentine Maximo Gonzalez a 6-3, 6-0, 6-3 beating. **REUTERS**

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Bertuzzi aims to make an impact with Flames

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NHL It has been awhile since Todd Bertuzzi skated under the radar, if he ever has.

While he's not out to prove anything to anybody but himself and he says his days of goal-setting are done, as the Calgary Flames introduced their five off-season acquisitions to the city yesterday including Mike Cammalleri, Rene Bourque, Curtis Glencross and Andre Roy, Bertuzzi said he's looking forward to playing here.

Bertuzzi

Even if he wasn't the most popular pickup in Flames history.

"Here, you can't go five, 10 games without a point without anyone noticing," said Bertuzzi of his experience in Anaheim where logging a lowly 10-12 minutes a game didn't allow him to find his offensive groove and no one seemed phased.

"There, I think you can go under the radar a little bit and that's one thing that's to benefit not only myself but it benefits this team, you're under the gun here, you're under the pressure of having to perform and I'm looking forward to having that kind of pressure."

Cammalleri, who will be playing his first game on Canadian ice since he was 16-years-old, said he's also eagerly anticipating the ravenous appetite of Calgarians for results.

"The whole idea of Canadians knowledge for the game, their love, their passion for the sport, that's how I grew up," he said.

Sports in brief

MLB Vernon Wells homered and drove in three runs to lead the Toronto Blue Jays to a 6-2 win over the Tampa Bay Rays last night in St. Petersburg, Fla.

MLB Major League Baseball announced yesterday that it will enact instant replay for disputed home run calls this week. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Battle for South Division title a nail-biter

The race for the South Division title might go right down to the wire. Going into last night's games Long Beach is in first place, a half game up on Orange County, who won the first half, one game up on St. George and three up on Yuma. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Series Preview

Snakes look to slither past Cats

Calgary set to close regular season with five games against rivals

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary

The Calgary Vipers will round out their Golden Baseball League season with five straight games against the Edmonton Cracker-Cats.

After two home games against Edmonton tonight and tomorrow night at Foothills Stadium (7:05 p.m.), the Snakes will head north to face the Cats at Telus Field for games on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

While the Vipers went 26-18 to earn bragging rights as first half champions in the GBL's North Division, the Cracker-Cats have compiled a 25-14 record and have clinched the second half title to set up an all-Alberta playoff battle.

"Good thing we made it in the first half," said Calgary second baseman Jorge Mejia. "Now it's just getting ready for the playoffs."

The best-of-five North Division Finals will start next week with games in Edmonton on Sept. 2 and 3 before the series heads back to the Snake Pit for Game 3 on Friday, Sept. 5. If necessary, Games 4 and 5 will also be played in Calgary on Sept. 6 and 7.

While Calgary has tailed off in the second half after an impressive start to the season, Mejia said the Vipers have what it takes to knock off the Cracker-Cats and advance to the GBL Finals against the winner of the South Division.

"Things are going to go up and down in baseball," said Mejia, who has compiled a .324 batting average in his first season as a Viper to go with nine home runs, 68 runs batted in and 23 stolen bases. "They have a pretty good team. It's going to be interesting. You don't know what's going to happen."

"They have a pretty good team. It's going to be interesting. You don't know what's going to happen."
Jorge Mejia on playing the Cracker-Cats.

To get past the Cats, Mejia said the Snakes will have play sound defence and stick to the fundamentals.

"That's the most important thing you have to do to win a ball game," said the 26-year-old native of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic.

Snake Bites: "Theo Fleury Retirement Night" will take place at tomorrow's game. The former Flame has decided to hang up the cleats after making his pro baseball debut with the Vipers on August 9. Fleury is expected to get at least one more at bat before his retirement.

"We want to make this a special night for Theo," said Vipers president Peter Young.

The Vipers will auction off Fleury's No. 14 jersey for their children's charity Snakes and Batters.

It will also be awards night for the Vipers as they announce the team outstanding player awards for 2008.

ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY

Calgary Vipers second baseman Jorge Mejia is hitting .324 this season with nine home runs, 68 runs batted in and 23 stolen bases.

Jose battling for batting title

Designated hitter hitting .395 on the season

- With just five games left in the regular season, Calgary designated hitter Felix Jose is in the thick of things competing for a Golden Baseball League batting title.
- After the Vipers completed a three-game sweep of the visiting Reno Silver Sox this past weekend, Jose upped his batting average to .395 to creep within one percentage point of GBL leading hitter Patrick Breen of the Orange County Flyers. Jose Rodriguez of the Yuma Scorpions is right behind the pair with a .389 average heading into the final weekend of play before the playoffs.
- Calgary ace Evan Greusel currently leads the circuit in wins with nine and hopes to hold onto that distinction by the end of the campaign. Four pitchers, including Edmonton's Eric Van Slyke and Ricardo Rodriquez, are right behind him with eight victories.

LAURENCE HEINEN /FOR METRO CALGARY

Dominican connection helps team chemistry

LAURENCE HEINEN
for Metro Calgary

BASEBALL The Calgary Vipers have had good luck recruiting players from the Dominican Republic.

In fact, three-quarters of Calgary's infield this season hails from the baseball-mad Caribbean island as well as designated hitter Felix Jose.

"It's good," said shortstop Nelson Castro, who's in his third season with the Vipers. "When you know you're going to a team where you know a couple players, you feel more comfortable."

First baseman Carlos Duncan has been with the Vipers since their inaugural season in Calgary in 2005, while second baseman Jorge Mejia along with Jose joined the squad for this season.

"We didn't know each other until I got here, but after I got here we feel like a family," Mejia said. "It's pretty special."

In their first season playing together in the infield, Castro, Mejia and Duncan have developed some great chemistry and have been able to engineer some nice double plays throughout the season.

"We've been working together, especially me and Mejia up the middle," Castro said. "We know how to play together."

"We've got great communication," added Mejia. "When you have communication in the infield when you play, it's a lot better."

The Dominican trio also has kind words for the fourth member of the infield, third baseman Travis Drader.

"He's doing good, especially lately," said Castro of the Calgarian rookie. "He's more confident and he's playing way better right now."

"He's a young guy," noted Mejia. "He's had to make some adjustments, but he's doing good."

Automotive

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Bimmer style on budget

Affordable 1 Series Coupe can make BMW dreams real for many car lovers

BILL MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Canada

The tidy little 1 Series Coupe leads the way in BMW's return to a smaller, lighter, more affordable car, slotting nicely below the increasingly larger, heavier and more expensive 3 Series models that currently earn the German automaker's bread and butter.

Though a range of engine options are available in other markets, we're only getting a pair of 1 Series models: The 128i with a 230-horsepower, 3.0-litre, in-line six under its hood, and the 135i, which has a superb 300-hp, twin-turbo version of the same 3.0-litre unit.

In its coupe body style, the 1 Series starts at $33,900 for the base 128i while the twin-turbo 135i carries a proportionately higher $41,700 sticker price to reflect its added performance and equipment levels.

There are also a couple convertible versions, too: The 128i Cabriolet carries a sticker price of $39,900 for your top-down driving pleasure while its range-topping 135i counterpart is priced at $47,200.

The crisp, clean lines and compact shape of the Coupe are quite attractive to the eye.

The crisp, clean lines and compact shape of the Coupe are quite attractive to the eye with its long hood, trapezoidal greenhouse, clearly defined shoulder line and long wheelbase.

It looks fast even while standing still.

Inside, the perfectly-sized steering wheel, short gear lever, circular instruments and high-quality materials are all as eye-catching as they are functionals.

Depending on the option package(s) you choose, tech toys abound, including optional Bluetooth phone integration, navigation, and iDrive. Oddly, though — despite an included auxiliary input jack — the lack of cubbyholes in the centre console might mean your iPod Touch has to sit in one of the cupholders.

The 1 Series Coupe is surely something to salivate over. It looks great. It's agile afoot.

And excellent handling, precise steering and ideal weight distribution give it a real sporting character.

2008 BMW 1 Series Coupe

Type: Compact 2-pass. coupe, RWD
Price: $33,900 – $41,700
Engine: 3.0L L6 DOHC/3.0L L6 DOHC twin-turbo
HP: 230 @ 6,500 rpm/300 @ 5,800 rpm
Torque: 200 @ 2,750 rpm/300 @ 1,400 rpm

Highlights

- The BMW experience on a budget
- 135i is a poor man's M3
- Great engines
- Muscular looks
- Handling

Practical and funky Chevy

BILL MCLAUCHLAN
for Metro Canada

Beneath its retro appearance, the HHR is simply a nicely executed station wagon. Think of it as a Chevrolet Cobalt wagon in drag, as it's based on the same solid architecture as the popular Chevy coupe/sedan.

Thanks to its retro shape, the interior is roomy and comfortable, the rear seatbacks fold fully flat and the cargo deck is hard-surfaced … all of which makes the HHR a usable ride for everyday people and cargo hauling chores. In that respect, the well-equipped base LS and LT models — at $19,855 and $21,185, respectively — represent nicely packaged value.

Both trim levels include standard features such as air conditioning, power windows, door locks and mirrors, cruise control, remote keyless entry, electronic stability control, ABS and traction control.

In its milder LS and LT guise, the HHR is pleasant to drive, with a good balance between ride and handling. The base engine is a fuel-efficient 155-hp, 2.2-litre "four" while there's a 172-hp, 2.4-litre four-cylinder optional choice (standard on the step-up LT 1SC trim). Transmission choices are standard five-speed manual or optional four-speed automatic.

In its milder LS and LT guise, the Chevrolet HHR is pleasant to drive, with a good balance between ride and handling.

2009 Chevrolet HHR SS

Type: Compact 5-pass. wagon FWD
Price: $28,240
Engine: 2.0L L4 DOHC Turbo
HP: 260 @ 5,300 rpm
Torque: 260 @ 2,000 rpm

Highlights

- Funky retro look
- Standard safety and stability control system
- Interior room
- Cargo flexibility

By the way, new for '09, those engines are Flex Fuel capable, meaning they can run on E85 ethanol, gasoline or any combination of the two fuels. Also, the 2.2-litre engine receives variable valve timing technology that optimizes performance and efficiency.

The $28,240 HHR SS, first seen in the 2008 model year, adds turbocharged zest with a 260-hp output from its 2.0-litre four. To help handle this extra performance the SS rides on a racetrack-tuned suspension system, giving it a modern athleticism that contrasts sharply with the retro styling.

Even so, you won't sacrifice anything in ride comfort for such driving entertainment. Body motions are tautly controlled. The steering has a pleasing blend of precision, feel, response and effort.

In its SS form, the HHR is a splendid compromise. It's fast and agile enough to gratify your inner Andretti, yet its relatively serene highway stride and quiet composure over rough pavement should keep passengers happy.

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Travel

Insider's eats

No traveller wants to pay an exorbitant price for lacklustre food, but that indignity always seems worse when you're in a destination known for its gastronomic prowess. The September issue of Gourmet magazine — which is dedicated to exploring Paris on a budget — can help you avoid such a predicament. Some of the content is also posted at *gourmet.com/travel/cityguides/paris*. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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Horse-drawn carriages are a typical sight in Trove.

Transylvanian farm life reflects a simpler time

TheTravelJunkie

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A traditional "good room" is used to entertain guests.

A visit to the tiny Romanian town of Türé (or Turea) is like travelling back in time.

Horse-drawn carriages packed full with freshly cut hay trot along bumpy dirt roads. Craggy old people with craggy old faces make picture-perfect postcards of a simpler time. Grandmothers milk cows, churn butter, have wells in their backyards and know their way around a plow.

If it weren't for the satellite dishes growing out of houses like mushrooms on cow patties, you might think you'd been transported back to the early 1900s. A surprising number of people here lack running water and indoor plumbing but, with the wonders of modern technology, they can tune into stations like MTV.

Having just come from cosmopolitan Bucharest — where Ferrari-lined streets, fashionable coffee houses and could-be-supermodels are common — this was the "simple life." I found myself in this Transylvanian village as part of a two-day homestay run by Carpathian Tours. Australian-owned, this company offers cultural vacations through the Hungarian, Slovakian and Romanian countryside. It's a chance to learn about the music, dance and social practices of the area — all with the help of a translator and knowledgeable guide.

Accommodations may be humble (my room had no door and the bathroom looked more like a tool shed) but, by staying with the local people, I'm able to get an insider's view.

My crash course in traditional Transylvanian culture starts with breakfast. Here in Türé, early morning risers enjoy buffalo cheese, thick slices of white bread, pork sausage and a shot of Pálinka.

This local brandy brew gets the day started off right and is sipped on with each meal. It's considered rude if you turn down the offering, so I reach for the shot glass and started boozing. It goes down my throat in one gulp, burning my insides with the pang of cheap Tequila.

Pleasing my host, the guide and I (admittedly, a bit tipsy) venture into town. Shepherds guide buffalo into the village so they can be milked by their owners. They make their way down a mist-covered hill, mooing and jangling their cowbell necklaces. Though I'm excited by the prospect of milking one myself, I find out the buffalos are skittish and don't let strangers ogle their udders.

From there, we visit a traditional "good room." It's an elaborately decorated living room used for entertaining guests and matching prospective boy suitors with unmarried girls. The room is stacked with embroidered blankets, tablecloths and doilies, all hand spun from wool, cotton or hemp.

Cabinets are hand-painted, stenciled in red, white and green (a symbol of the Hungarian flag) with recurring motifs of roses, tulips and green branches. Though it's impressive, this crafty form of home-making has been abandoned by the new generation.

In the time of Romanian dictator Nicolae Ceausescu (leader from 1965-1989), expression of Hungarian culture and music was forbidden. As a result, much of local culture was lost.

My two-day tour of Transylvania had me tossing hay with a pitchfork, step-dancing to live village music and picnicking with Pálinka under a full moon.

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Julia's tips

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Harrelson joins zombie comedy
Actor Woody Harrelson will star in forthcoming comedy film Zombieland. The movie revolves around a mismatched pair of survivors who find friendship in a world overrun by zombies. **IMDB.COM**

Entertainment

Extras may sue
Tom Cruise's troubled film project Valkyrie has been hit with another setback — extras on the film are allegedly threatening to sue movie bosses over on-set injuries.
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Betrayal drives thriller

Traitor tells complex story of secret Muslim officer in war on terror

STEVE GOW
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Traitor couldn't have been an easy movie to make. Not only is the terrorism thriller set in 17 cities on three continents, but it required shooting the film in just 48 days on a tight budget. Who would want to take on that overly ambitious endeavor? Well, Don Cheadle for one.

The complex story of a secret Muslim officer that infiltrates a global terrorism ring only to find himself being hunted down as a traitor, this thriller not only enticed Don Cheadle the actor, but also Don Cheadle the producer — who has previously made his mark getting behind such hot-button films as Crash and Darfur Now.

"It was very interesting that one of the things we learned post 9-11 is that there were something like three Arabic-speaking agents that we had in our

Actor Don Cheadle stars in Traitor, which opens in theatres this Friday.

(enforcement) agencies," says Cheadle during an interview in New York. "How do you understand people that you can't even talk to?"

That was one of the primary themes that prompted Cheadle to help make Traitor — the idea that a lack in communication between cultures has only fuelled terrorism. It's not an easy notion to sell to movie studios either. As disappointing box-office revenues of other films dealing with the war on terrorism have mounted recently, studios are surely wary of that particular subject.

"They probably did their rounds with studios and received a series of ideas of how it should be changed and softened up," posits co-star Guy Pearce about the struggle to find backers. "(But writer/director Jeffrey Nachmanoff) just didn't compromise."

Instead, Traitor (in theatres on Friday) was lucky enough to find financing and still deal directly with such serious issues as race, religion and the role of ignorance in terrorism.

Pearce adds: "I think (Nachmanoff did) a really good job of finding that balance between an entertainment and a thought-provoking topic."

Cheadle would certainly agree. Although he's first to acknowledge the film doesn't provide many answers to these issues, he does hope it will create an awareness in moviegoers' minds. "It could be a cautionary tale on some level if you take it seriously," insists Cheadle. "Most human beings want equanimity; most human beings want peace; most human beings want safety. It's the people on the extremes that can obviously pull and push us and protract that argument."

Sleuth shows lead Gemini nominations

Period detective series Murdoch Mysteries and Durham County, a dark drama following a troubled suburban police detective, are among the leading contenders for this year's Gemini Awards, Canada's top television honours, CBC.ca reports.

Murdoch Mysteries scored a leading 14 nominations, followed closely by 13 for Durham County and 12 nods each for sexy Henry VIII series The Tudors and the miniseries adaptation of Guy Vanderhaeghe's The Englishman's Boy.

Among news and information programming, veteran investigative program The Fifth Estate and CBC News: The National received multiple nominations (11 and nine, respectively).

After holding its annual celebrations in Regina and Vancouver, the Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television has decided to bring the awards back to Toronto.

Trophies for the majority of categories will be distributed at three industry galas in late October, with the remainder handed out at a televised ceremony that will follow on Nov. 28, broadcast on E! Network and Showcase.

For a full list of nominees, go to geminiawards.ca.

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Actor Hugh Dillon is up for a Gemini for Durham County.

CTV renews hit series Flashpoint

TV This show isn't just a flash in the pan: CTV has ordered a second season of its hit original series Flashpoint, Susanne Boyce, president, creative, content and channels, CTV Inc., has announced.

Thirteen new episodes are expected to head into production in early 2009.

Flashpoint has been a hit since it premiered last month, and has maintained an average audience of 1.17 million viewers since it debuted at No.1.

MTV 'tarnished' Ozzy's image: Son

Jack Osbourne

PEOPLE Jack Osbourne wants to set the record straight about his father Ozzy. And that means taking a few swipes at the MTV show that put his family on the map, People.com reports. "I think The Osbournes, to a degree, tarnished the public's perception of my dad as a bit of a senile, funny, bumbling guy," Jack says.

Juno, The Wire up for Humanitas

AWARDS The screenwriters of The Diving Bell and the Butterfly, Juno and Lars and the Real Girl have been named finalists in the feature film category of the 2008 Humanitas Prize, which honors writing that explores the human condition, Reuter reports.

Episodes from Boston Legal, John Adams and The Wire are the finalists in the 60-minute television category. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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'Towelhead' draws ire

An Islamic civil rights advocacy group has asked Warner Bros. to change the title of its upcoming film Towelhead because, it says, "the word is commonly used in a derogatory manner against people of the Muslim faith or Arab origin."

The studio said it plans to stand by the filmmakers, who chose the title to point out racial stereotypes, though it added, "We apologize for any offence that is caused by the title."

Towelhead, directed by Six Feet Under creator Alan Ball and adapted for the screen by Alicia Erian from her novel of the same name, looks at the life of a 13-year-old Lebanese-American girl in the early '90s. A Warner Independent specialty title now being handled by parent studio Warners, it is scheduled to open Sept. 12 in limited release in New York and Los Angeles.

The Greater Los Angeles Area office of the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR) said because the moniker is a "racial and religious slur," Warners should consider calling the film Nothing Is Private, the title under which it debuted at last year's Toronto International Film Festival.

Erian, who is Arab-American, said that although the title is an ethnic slur, she "selected it to highlight one of the novel's major themes: racism."

She called CAIR's work "admirable," but said that "the solution ... is not to force the artist to alter her work, but instead to use the occasion of that work as an entry point for meaningful debate and discussion."

REUTERS

Australia rethinks visa for Snoop

MUSIC Australia is re-thinking a decision to give gangsta rapper Snoop Dogg a visa after public complaints that he should not tour in October in a double act with Ice Cube, an immigration official said yesterday.

Snoop Dogg, whose real name is Cordozar Calvin Broadus Jr., was refused permission to even apply for a visa to enter Australia in 2007 because of his criminal record, sinking plans for him to co-host the MTV Australia Video Music Awards.

Snoop Dogg

But immigration officials this week cleared the way for an October tour visit, until a spate of public complaints from victims of crime groups yesterday.

"As a result of public concern and interest, the department has decided that in fact we will be undertaking a more thorough assessment of Mr. Broadus' character," a senior immigration official said. REUTERS

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Hot shows that no one sees

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UNRATED VERSION: There's still a lot of life left in broadcast television, but we know its expiry date is looming by the survival of shows like Battlestar Galactica, as detailed in a recent Associated Press story on the Sci Fi network's flagship show, now mere months away from its final airing.

Galactica has been a critic's favourite since its debut, which is another way of saying "brilliant but soon-to-be cancelled" if you're talking about a network show, especially one that draws the ratings Galactica has. According to the AP story, the radical revision of the '70s sci-fi cheese original is "scraping bottom" if you go by "the traditional ratings system" — from an average of 2.8 million viewers in its first season, it's lost a million viewers since then.

But Sci Fi is acting like the numbers don't mean much, and it's gone ahead with a Galactica prequel movie that's set to air after the final episode next year, and a spin-off series set two generations before Galactica's storyline kicks off. Caprica, the spin-off, has a trailer on YouTube and a pilot shot months ago, though rumours about the show being picked up earlier this summer have proved to be speculative; the network seems to be playing wait and see before committing to a full season order.

Still, Sci Fi is showing remarkable confidence in a franchise whose ratings would have guaranteed a first season cancellation on NBC or CBS — or certain oblivion after just two episodes if it was showing on Fox. Apparently the network is acting like it's already 2012, and bums-in-place-on-the-scheduled-night ratings aren't an accurate way of measuring the viewership of a show like Galactica.

Technologically savvy Galactica fans may prefer to catch up on the show via TiVo or in weekend-long DVD marathons — or relying on the huge but legally troubling archive of Internet downloads.

Jamie Bamber, who plays Lee Adama on the show, told AP that he has a different way of measuring the show's success. "When the numbers were high I would get stopped in the street maybe once a week," Bamber said. "Now that the viewing figures are lower on the TV, everywhere I go someone will come up to me and say what a huge fan they are. That just tells me that people watch the show in a more modern way and that it has reached its sort of critical mass."

What he means is that technologically savvy Galactica fans have better things to do with their nights, and prefer to catch up on the show via TiVo or in weekend-long DVD marathons — or relying on the huge but legally troubling archive of Internet downloads. One assumes the same sort of logic is behind the apparently untroubled reaction AMC has to Mad Men, its flagship but low-rated show. Since I'm one of those people who can't be bothered with scheduled viewing, it all makes sense to me, but I'm also aware that we're hard people to make money off if you're an advertiser, and that something, somewhere, has got to give before we can finally ascend into the brave new world of post-broadcast television.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

O.C. actor stars in antiwar drama

MOVIES The O.C. star Ben McKenzie will be hitting U.S. cinemas this fall in Dalton Trumbo's Johnny Got His Gun, the film version of his one-man stage show. Truly Indie will release the antiwar drama, a portrait of a World War I soldier with battlefield injuries that leave him trapped in his body, unable to communicate with others. The film, directed by Rowan Joseph, will premiere Sept. 22 in Austin, Tex., and then roll out to other cities.

Ben McKenzie

REUTERS

In brief

MUSIC American singer-songwriter Katy Perry has spent a third week at the top of the British singles chart with her worldwide hit I Kissed a Girl. The California-born former gospel singer cut off a challenge from Dublin band The Script, who climbed from third to second place with The Man Who Can't Be Moved.

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critics' corner

Supernanny
Jo Frost arrives to help the Shrage family in a small Southern town. The parents' marriage is in quite a state, considering they have not shared a bed in eight years. The three girls are so out of control that their own grandmother, who lives with them, refuses to dine with them. Though the girls present a lovely front to the outside world, at home they run rampant, and it's up to Supernanny to restore order. 10 PM on KXLY

Sweet Smell of Success
The underbelly of New York nightlife is examined brilliantly in this classic 1957 drama written by Clifford Odets and Ernest Lehman. Burt Lancaster (who also produced the film) is ideally icy as J.J. Hunsecker, a powerful columnist who can make or break careers, including that of desperate press agent Sidney Falco (Tony Curtis). Susan Harrison plays Hunsecker's rebellious sister. 8:15 PM on TCM

Sheen expecting child with new wife

Actor Charlie Sheen, left, and his new wife, Brooke, are expecting their first child together, his rep has announced. The couple have been married since May. **PEOPLE.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Hef's door open for Anderson

FRIENDSHIP Playboy king Hugh Hefner has offered Pamela Anderson the use of his mansion if she ever finds herself homeless, imdb.com reports.

The Baywatch star has appeared on numerous Playboy covers, and the 41-year-old knows she can rely on Hefner to put her up if she ever finds herself with nowhere to stay.

"(I asked Hefner) If ever anything goes wrong, I can come and live here, can't I?" she says.

Hefner replied: "Yes, of course. You are always welcome at my place."

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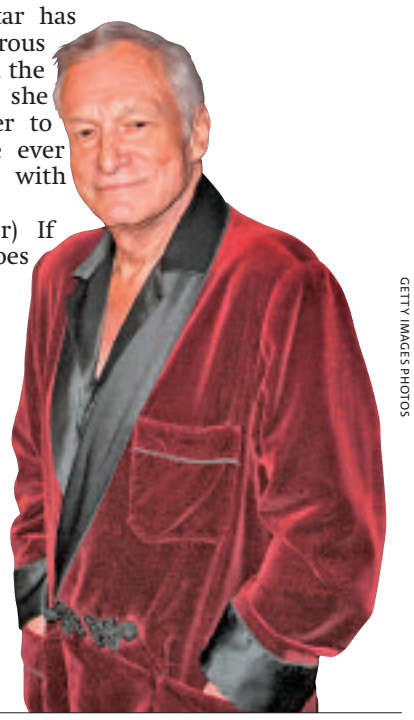

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Keira hates paparazzi

FAME Keira Knightley hates being pursued by the paparazzi — because it ruins her social life, imdb.com reports.

The Atonement actress is well-known for her distaste of snappers who try and secure photos of her personal life.

And the star has admitted her pals fail to invite her to social events in case they are harassed by eager photographers.

"One of them (friends) asked me if I would mind not going out with them to a restaurant one evening as they find the whole paparazzi thing alarming," she tells Britain's Tatler magazine. "I don't blame them. It can be very intimidating."

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Coldplay make clothes?

FASHION Coldplay have revealed they love to make their own clothes, female-first.co.uk reports.

Front man Chris Martin has told how the band likes to sew and modify their own clothes together. Martin, 31, says the band's needlework habits help them bond.

"Making clothes together in our studio makes us feel complete," he says. "We probably sound like a group of grannies in a knitting circle but it's the truth and it gives us some control over our visual identity. When you are a big band and everyone is taking shots at you, the more things you can do together the better. And if you're wearing uniforms made by your own hands it helps achieve that."

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Radcliffe pans prudish fans

NUDITY Daniel Radcliffe has slammed prudish fans who refuse to see his naked scenes in theatre show Equus — because he is sick of people branding the production "pornography," imdb.com reports.

The teen actor was required to disrobe on stage when he starred in the dramatic play in London's West End last year — a role he'll soon reprise on Broadway.

And the star is shocked by the reaction of older female fans, insisting his nude scene is no big deal.

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O'Day sick of Paris comparison

RUMOUR Danity Kane star Aubrey O'Day has hit out at people who liken her to Paris Hilton, branding them "horrible" for making the comparison, imdb.com reports.

The blond is sick of being mistaken for the hotel heiress — because she is "nothing like that girl."

"Whenever I carry my dog around, people say 'Paris Hilton'" she says. "I absolutely love my dog and I'm nothing like that girl."

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"This makes no sense at all..."

by Joe O'Neill

So **Hugh Hefner** has offered **Pamela Anderson** a place to stay at his mansion should she ever become homeless. I'm guessing Hugh has seen recent pictures of a haggard-looking Anderson and mistakenly believes that she is homeless. In any case, I've taken the liberty of making public the following list of rules for overnight guests at the Playboy mansion, specifically tailored for Canada's own Pammie, should she ever need them :

"It's a little known fact that Hugh Hefner suffers from ornithophobia, so you can't bring the 1,000 live chickens you rescued from Colonel Sanders with you to the mansion. All former playmates at the mansion must insert staples in their navels so Hefner will be able to recognize them. Exercise on the stationary bike with the special invasive seat attachment is mandatory.

When changing Hefner's adult diaper, eye contact is strictly forbidden. Hugh Hefner prefers the term "Dream Enabler" to "Decrepit Flesh Peddler."

Hef wants everyone at the mansion to be comfortable, his version of comfortable, so you must wear either silk pyjamas or nothing.

Work the following phrase into your conversation as frequently as possible: "Eighty-two is the new 56."

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Mendes OKs nip/tuck

COSMETIC SURGERY Actress Eva Mendes will have no hesitation about going under the knife, when her figure starts to sag, female-first.co.uk reports.

Mendes is currently baring almost all in a series of Calvin Klein billboard advertisements, and has previously posed topless for Vogue magazine.

But the 34-year-old acknowledges her looks will only last so long, and she is ready to check in for some cosmetic surgery when she needs to.

"When the time comes, I'm going to nip it and tuck it all," Mendes tells Star magazine.

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celebrity brief

Hudson accused in hairy lawsuit

LEGAL Kate Hudson is at the sharp end of a bizarre new lawsuit — bosses of a haircare company have accused her of stealing their volcano ash, imdb.com reports.

220 Labs bosses claim the actress stole their idea for a secret volcano ash hair product.

Lawyers for 220 Labs are demanding unspecified damages.

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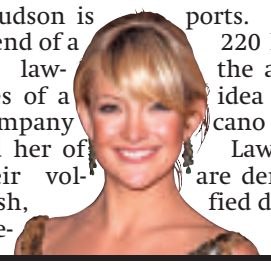

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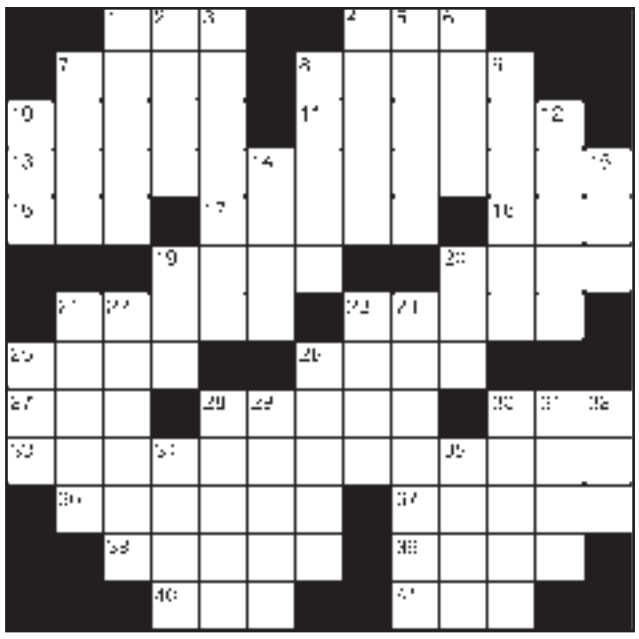
Rodriguez to return to Lost

Michelle Rodriguez, right, is reportedly returning to Lost this season, ew.com reports. Details of her comeback are shrouded in secrecy, but she's to be back for one episode, reportedly this season's second episode. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Take Five



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3 Inclined
4 Cougars
5 Characteristic
6 "— She Sweet?"
7 Go no further
8 Made crow noises
9 Masthead name
10 The whole enchilada
12 Japanese cartooning style
14 Undraped
15 Coll. transcript stat
19 "See ya"
20 Opposed to
21 Rodents of South America
22 Dr. Robert, with an eponymous diet
23 Darjeeling dress
24 Loot, as the Vikings did
25 Legislation
26 Photo finish?
28 Erstwhile larvae
29 Establish, as 25-Down
30 Game-show group
31 Crafts' partners
32 Yr. divisions
34 Spigots
35 One-on-one battle

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Crossword across

1 Big hoopla
4 Bake-sale org.
7 Give the cold shoulder
8 Radium discoverer
10 Bikini, e.g.
11 "Hairspray" actress Bynes
13 Queen's attendant
16 Caustic solution
17 Search
18 Gratuity
19 Melville's Billy
20 Deep sleep
21 Check casher
23 Fern product
25 After curfew
26 Primary
27 Interjection in "Cathy" comics
28 Oyster's prize
30 Manhandle
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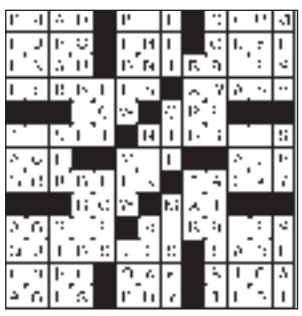
37 Cousins' moms
38 "The final frontier"
39 The Bee —
40 Prepared
41 Right angle

previous day's answer



Horoscopes

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Funds will be raised for a business plan. Tension results in more effective communication. Friends make decisions that will change your mind.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Run errands before a deadline. A professional gets to first base. Sparks start to fly, but don't throw yourself into anything.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Finances might force a showdown. There's an easy escape from a selfish action. Brief tension occurs when advantage is taken.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Feeling doubtful makes you play tough. Take charge to improve the state of your teamwork. Someone grabs your attention with a secret message.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Nobody can be blamed for disturbing news. Agree to a compromise that's designed to stabilize. Be less stressed by ignoring a weird situation.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
A prankster wants to get serious about life. Repay deceitfulness with honesty and humour. Defuse a situation by asking for help.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
A secret attraction leads to an unexpected realization. A reasonable woman has a naughty story to tell. Don't give up on a mischievous man.

SCORPIO
OCT 24- NOV 22
Don't become a recluse while waiting for someone. Sudden moves will produce a stunning result. Take the chance of a lifetime.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23- DEC 21
Take some time out to play. An encounter will shock and intrigue you. Someone's need for attention makes you claustrophobic.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
A ranting man gets frosty treatment from you. Keep someone talking if you want answers. Telling a true story will make you look good.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
Shivers of excitement result from a compliment. Your work is putting you in the spotlight. Squelch any distress that won't stand up to scrutiny.

PISCES
FEB 19-MAR 20
News of plans gone awry sets the tone for the day. Anxiety will produce family problems. A hostile snub depicts malice at a meeting.

This day in history

AUG. 27, 1813: French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte defeats a larger force of Austrians, Russians and Prussians at the Battle of Dresden.
AUG. 27, 1859: Petroleum is discovered in Titusville, Pennsylvania, which becomes the site of the world's first successful oil well.
AUG. 27, 1927: American aviators Billy Brock and Ed Schlee fly the Pride of Detroit over London on the way to completing the first-ever flight around the world.
AUG. 27, 1993: The Rainbow Bridge, connecting Tokyo's Shibaura and the island of Odaiba, is completed.
AUG. 27, 2003: Mars makes its closest approach to Earth in nearly 60,000 years.
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Sudoku

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The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

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SUDOKU SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

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13-17 . . . . . Scholar
17-21. . . . . Smart
21-25. . . . . Not bad
25+ . . . . . Keep practising
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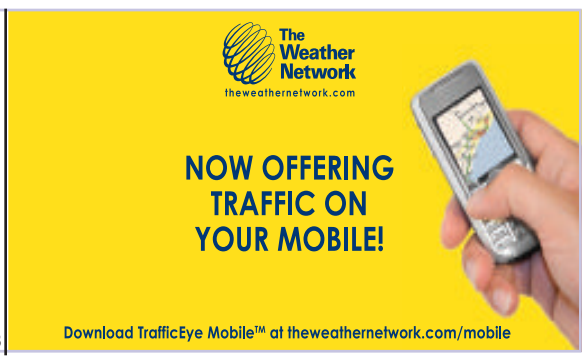

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Country Hills Town Centre
Spectrum Shopping Centre
1353 32nd Ave. NE
2420 42nd Ave. NE
19 - 2520 23rd St. NE
2000 McKnight Blvd. NE

SOUTHWEST

Energy Plaza
6039 Centre St. S
264 - 6100 MacLeod Trail S
245 - 225 7th Ave. SW
1 - 4623 Bow Trail SW
5 - 2008 33rd Ave. SW
12 - 9250 MacLeod Trail S
16061 MacLeod Trail S

SOUTHEAST

856 - 33 Heritage Meadows Way SE
1288 42nd Ave. SE
7845 Flint Rd. SE
4410 50th Ave. SE
255 28th St. SE
10836 24th St. SE
109S - 8500 MacLeod Trail SE
4949 Barlow Trail SE

Airdrie

2145 Summerfield Blvd.

Cochrane

4 - 201 Grand Blvd.
15 - 312 5th Ave. W

Okotoks

181 - 31 Southridge Dr.
118 Elizabeth St.

Strathmore

8 - 55 Wheatland Trail
103 - 331 3rd Ave.